

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, this application included claims 1-60, with claims 1 and 29 in independent form.

This Amendment is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action (non-final rejection/objection) dated November 30, 2004. In that action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-9, 29, 30 and 33-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gadson (US 2002/0103566) in view of Bertram et. al. (US Patent No. 6,191,785 B1). The Examiner also rejected claims 3, 4, 13-28, 31, 32 and 41-60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gadson (US 2002/0103566) in view of Bertram et. al. (US Patent No. 6,191,785 B1) as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-9, 29, 30 and 33-37 and further in view of www.ic3d.com. The Examiner objected to claims 10-12 and 38-40 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-9, 13-37 and 41-60, without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 10-12 and 38-40 as indicated above. Pending claims 10-12 and 38-40 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are now in independent form. Applicants respectfully assert that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection and request that the objection to claims 10-12 and 38-40 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

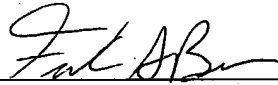
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested. If the prosecution of this application

can be advanced by a telephone conference, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (212) 530-5456.

In the event that the Commissioner determines that an additional fee is due for this paper, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the Milbank deposit account 13-3250 any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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